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BACKGROUND

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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DETAILED DESCRIPTIONIN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-9 have been canceled.

Claim 10 has been added as follows:

10. (New) A turnbuckle device for mutually clamping two concrete shell elements across a joint therebetween, the concrete shell elements each including a frame with

longitudinal and transverse struts, said turnbuckle device comprising:

means for retaining said turnbuckle device on one of the longitudinal and transverse struts and positioning said turnbuckle device across abutting edges of the concrete shell elements;

a first lock part including a stationary first claw for engaging one of the frames, the first claw being configured for direct engagement with the respective frame;

a second lock part pivotally disposed with respect to said first lock part and including a second claw configured for direct engagement with another of the frames;

arresting means for limiting a pivoting range of said second lock part in order that the second claw prevents release of the turnbuckle device from the concrete shell element and optimally limits movability of the turnbuckle device.

Claim 11 has been added as follows:

11. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 1 wherein said arresting means is further operable for enabling the turnbuckle device to be removed for the concrete shell element.

Claim 12 has been added as follows:

12. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 10 or 11 wherein said first lock part comprises comprising stationary first claws and said means for retaining comprises archings, said archings protruding from inner surfaces of the stationary claws.

Claim 13 has been added as follows:

13. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 12 wherein the opposing archings are offset from each other with a distance between the archings being larger than a width of the longitudinal or the transverse strut.

Claim 14 has been added as follows:

14. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 12 wherein the archings are formed oppositely on inner surface of the stationary claws.

Claim 15 has been added as follows:

15. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 10 or 11, wherein the retaining means comprises a shackle which projects from a rod-shaped body which holds and displaceably guides the first lock part, and device further comprises a bolt mounting means for insertion into a first opening in the shackle.

Claim 16 has been added as follows:

16. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 10 or 11 wherein the retaining means comprises a pivoting and/or tilting lever which is disposed on the stationary claws or in the region of the stationary claws.

Claim 17 has been added as follows:

17. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 16 wherein the arresting means comprises a wedge which, being

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displaced in the direction of force of gravity, blocks the
pivotal second claw in a pivoted inner position state and
clamps the turnbuckle device for mutual clamping of two
concrete shell elements, and when displaced against the
force of gravity, releases the pivotal second claw for
pivoting and displacement with respect to the first
stationary claw.